

Page 9, line 6, after "watering valve" insert --255 (FIG. 12)--; and

line 21, change "water holder" to --main body--.

Page 11, line 14, change "border" to --flange--.

Page 12, line 23, change "240" to --230--, both occurrences.

Page 13, line 1, delete ", and top 9" second occurrence;

line 11, change "rack 12" to --rack 212--; and

line 19, change "system 10" to --system 210--.

Page 15, line 18, change "lock 43" to --lock 15--.

Page 16, line 1, change "lock 43" to -- lock 15--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 as follows:

1. A multipurpose [rat] cage level barrier rodent cage for housing multiple species of rodents, including a plurality of mice or rats in a ventilated rack and cage system, the cage comprising a cage bottom having a plurality of integral side walls, a floor and an open top end, said floor having a length  $\ell$  and a width  $w$  wherein

$$80 \text{ square inches} \leq \ell \times w \leq [140] \text{ 110 square inches}$$

3. A cage level barrier cage ventilated rack and cage system for housing a plurality of types of rodents including a plurality of mice or rats within a cage, the system comprising a double sided rack, the rack having a depth;

at least one cage disposed in said rack, said cage having a cage bottom, the cage bottom having a plurality of integral side walls, a floor and an open top, and [the depth and] the length of the cage being [are each] less than substantially [36] 18 inches.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein said cage bottom has a length  $\ell$  and a width  $w$ , wherein

$$80 \text{ square inches} \leq \ell \times w \leq [140] \text{ 110 square inches}$$